

What did Jesus say about... Friends and Food

December 13, 2020

During **Advent**/Christmas we celebrate the **arrival** (John 1:1-14)

*The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood. John 1:14 MSG*

For approx. 33 yrs. Jesus lived, walked, and ate among us; his words were often captured in the in-between moments.

2020 has isolated us in so many ways
... and it takes a toll on our souls

We need each other (Genesis 2:18)

John 15:5-15

"remain" - abide, continue, endure

Jesus seems to be warning us about the trials of life.

friendship requires action, intention, choice, decision, vulnerability, intimacy.

The greek word for **friend** (*philos*) comes from one of the greek words for **love** (*phileo*).

Jesus modeled love and friendship and commanded his disciples to do the same.

He instructs us to love one another, remain in Him, and obey his commands... Jesus knows what we need.

Our friendship is part of our mission:

I pray that they will all be one... so that the world will believe you sent me. John 20:21 NLT

Observe the way Jesus was with people (Luke 4:38-40, 5:27-32, 7:36-50, 10:38-42, 11:37-53, 14:1-24, 19:1-10, 22:14-38, 24:36-43)
... he ate with them, did life with them.

- Show love to those around you in simple practical ways (bake some cookies for someone or send a card)
- remain in Jesus, participate with us in 2021 (see various ways on back)

WE COME SERVE STAND GROW GIVE GO **TOGETHER**

CHURCHCENTER APP **New Features Added** Download the App on your Apple or Android device to register for an event, access the church calendar or directory, and so much more!

NEXT STEPS **Today from Noon to 1pm** Want to learn more about our church and how to get connected? Stay after the service for lunch and a conversation with some of our leaders. Childcare is available.

2021 VISION OFFERING **Pledge Today!** We encourage you to pray about what you will give or pledge to give toward greater online outreach, outdoor projects, and building updates for 2021. So far \$29,000 has been pledged toward our goal of \$45,000.

LOST AND FOUND **Claim your items soon!** The benches in the lobby are full of lost and found items. Claim them by the end of the year before they are donated.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm!** 7th - 12th graders will gather tonight at the church to discuss the Power of Peace. Masks are required.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING **w/the Saxby's House Church on Thurs.** They will be caroling outside of two Nursing Homes on Thursday at 5pm and you are invited to join them. See Tom or Leann Saxby.

BRIDGE **Thursday at 6pm** 5th-7th graders will gather together for a Christmas Party.

coming up...

PRAYER & FASTING **Three Wednesdays in January** As we begin the new year we invite you to set aside January 6th, 13th, and 20th to fast and gather together from 6pm-7pm to pray together.

READ WITH US **2021 Bible Reading Plan** Join us in reading through the entire New Testament and parts of it twice throughout the coming year. Stay tuned for links to the plan through the Bible App.

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE TOGETHER **52 Verses over 52 Weeks** Each week in 2021 we will be challenging each other to memorize a specific passage to fill our hearts and minds with truth for transformation!



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